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TOWN BULLETIN

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News from the Town Office

The first of the summer concert series at the Gazebo in Memorial Park on Sunday, July 7th, was a great success with fifty-two people showing up between 5:30 and 7:30 pm. It was refreshing to see folks sitting on blankets having a picnic while listening to 'good time country rocking music.' For those who missed this concert, the same performers will be appearing on Sunday, July 14th. Please remember to bring chairs or blankets. A banner announcing the musicians and times of their performance will be placed on an 'A-Frame' by the park until the concert series ends in August.

The Ashland Fourth of July Committee met on Monday, July 8th, to critique the Independence Day celebrations. There was apparently some community discontent with the newly established Parade Rules and the Town Administrator has recommended that a representative from the Town's insurance carrier, Primex, meet with members of the Fourth of July Committee in the fall. The Town Office was reminded of the importance of these issues this past July 4th as there were two fatalities in the New England area both involving people being struck by moving vehicles. That said, Primex recognizes that there should be an understanding working with the Town of Ashland and the Fourth of July Committee to try to reach a favorable balance of having fun while managing risk.

The Community Garden Exploratory Committee which is part of Ashland HEAL met last Monday to continue discussing the issue surrounding site location.

On the morning of July 10th the Board of Selectmen held three consecutive Public Hearings in the Elementary School Cafeteria as respects

Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funds for the proposed “Soldier On” project.

The public heard comment on the following: A proposed Application to the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) for the CDBG, the Housing and Community Development Plan, and the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. That evening representatives from “Soldier On” appeared before the Planning Board as an informational and answered questions from the Board and the public on the proposed Veteran`s Housing Project.

The Board of Selectmen`s meeting immediately followed the public hearing at which the Board appointed Jim Van Valkenburgh as the Town of Ashland`s new Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer.

The Memorial Park Trustees met on Wednesday afternoon to meet with a representative from the CDFA to discuss tax credits for the Memorial Park Project.

The Ashland HEAL Steering Committee met this morning to discuss planning for the Second Annual Wellness Fair to be held in the Ashland Elementary School Cafeteria on Saturday, July 27th, from 9:00 am to noon. Folks from the Foundation for Healthy Communities came to Ashland to help with the Ashland HEAL video-taping of the three initiatives that were inspired by the community. This project involved an interview with the Ashland HEAL Co-Chairs Paul Branscombe and Fran Newton, the CEO of the Common Man Family of Restaurants Jason Lyon and the owner of Dot`s Bread & Butter, Sue Wood. The video will be shown to the community at the next HEAL community forum.

The Budget Committee held a public hearing at 6:00 pm this evening in the Elementary School Cafeteria on the proposed contract with the Ashland teachers. The warrant article on the contract will be discussed by the voters at a deliberative session probably to be held in mid-august which would be voted on at an election probably in early September. The Committee also met with the Library and the Electric Department as part of their continued reviews of Town Departments.

Tomorrow morning at 8:30 am, members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Fire Chief, the Structural Engineer and the Contractor will walk through the Fire Station signaling the end of the work to replace the Fire Station roof.

Tomorrow night, the Ashland Area Recreation Association will present its second outdoor summer movie at 8:30 pm entitled “Surf`s Up.”

Meetings & events scheduled for the week commencing July 15, 2013

Tuesday July 16th

Ashland Water & Sewer Commissioners
 Utility Office
 6 Collins Street (side entrance)
 7:00 pm

Wednesday July 17th

Ashland Board of Selectmen
 ‘Signing of the Manifest’
 Town Office
 20 Highland Street
 8:30 am

Ashland Electric Commissioners
 ‘Signing of the Manifest’
 Utility Office
 6 Collins Street
 8:15 am

Ashland Capital Improvement Program Committee
 Fire Station
 9 Main Street
 7:00 pm

The Ashland Board of Selectmen`s meetings can be seen on public access local channel 3 at the following days/times:

Ashland BOS CH 3 Regular Schedule:

<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>
12:00 PM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	12:00 AM	07:00 AM	12:00 AM
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	5:00 PM	07:00 AM	12:00 PM	09:00 AM
09:00 PM	08:00 PM			05:00 PM	05:00 PM

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Welfare hours: 5:30-7:00pm Thursday.

Health Officer

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Transfer Station hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12-4pm;

Saturday 8am-4pm.

Phone (603) 968-9032

Building Inspector hours: Thursday 3:30-5pm

Phone (603) 968-4432

Library hours: Mon, Tuesday, Thursday 1-7 pm; Friday & Saturday 10 am-2pm. Closed: Wednesday & Sunday.

Phone (603) 968-7928

Ashland Food Pantry hours: Thurs.12-6 pm; Fri. 12-6 pm; Sat.10 am-2 pm

Closed: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Phone (603) 968-9698

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Paul C. Branscombe,
Town Administrator